

# EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

## ARE SHORT BUT INTERESTING

Brief Mention of What is Transpiring in Various Sections of Our Own and Foreign Countries.

### WASHINGTON.

Manuel L. Quezon, resident commissioner from the Philippines in congress, asserted upon his return from Manila that since the announcement of President Wilson's policy the Filipinos are more friendly toward the Americans than they ever were.

Congress will be asked to create four vice admirals in the United States navy immediately after the holiday recess. Secretary Daniels said that he had determined upon this course to avoid the possibility of embarrassment to the American navy in foreign service.

Edwin P. Groves, who for a number of years has been special assistant to the attorney general at Washington and special counsel in important anti-trust cases, has resigned from the Department of Justice to engage in private law practice in Washington.

Liberal concessions to the home-stealers of Alaska, on whom the future development of the natural resources of the territory depends, are recommended by Clay Talman, commissioner of the general land office, in his annual report submitted to the secretary of the interior.

The historic old painting, "The Signing of the Emancipation Proclamation," commemorating President Lincoln's action in 1862, which for years has been one of the show features of the capitol, has been temporarily put out of sight. It is undergoing a nice, clean bath, the first in years.

Widely circulated reports that Governor Harrison has been replacing many civil employees in the Philippines with democrats from the United States led the War department to issue a statement formally declaring that the new governor has appointed only three Americans from the states to office.

### DOMESTIC.

New York legal aid bureau for a fee of 10 cents furnishes a lawyer to assist immigrants and poor persons in obtaining justice.

New York's newest hotel, about to be opened, covers a block, cost \$10,000,000, has 1,000 rooms, each with a bath, and rises twenty-six stories above the street.

A formal charge of murder was placed against Robert Maloney, an actor, who shot and killed his wife and 1-year-old daughter in a Cincinnati hotel Monday.

Thomas Taylor, president of the Farmers State Bank of Greensburg, Kans., died at the age of 80. Forty years ago he was a cowboy in Wyoming. He never married.

The total foreign trade of the port of New York in 1913 reached the two-billion mark for the first time in its existence. The total value of its foreign trade for the year just past is \$2,139,265,622, as against \$1,915,644,233 in 1912, an increase of \$223,621,389.

A grand jury investigation of the mobbing of Charles H. Moyer, president of the western federation of miners, will be demanded at the county seat of Houghton county by O. Hilton, attorney for the federation, when the inquisitorial board meets.

Copies of the federal reserve act, the resolution to be adopted by banks which wish to enter the system and the blank drawn by the organization committee for use of applicants for membership, will be mailed to every national bank in the United States.

Fleety Department company, one of the largest of the Milwaukee downtown stores, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy. The firm has been in business six months. The liabilities are placed at \$209,980, the assets, \$226,916; cash, \$1,000.

The United Railroads, which owns many of the San Francisco street car lines, has presented to 1,587 of its employees, who have been with the company three or more years, life insurance policies aggregating \$1,250,000.

Three unidentified men were killed near Akron, O., by a Pennsylvania train. They were walking the tracks and in stepping out of the path of an on-coming freight train, stepped in front of an on-rushing passenger train on another track. They were mangled beyond recognition.

Governor West of Oregon has ordered his private secretary, Miss Fern Hobbs, to proceed at once to Copperfield, a mining town in Baker county, and close the saloons and gambling houses.

Brooklyn Elks have laid the cornerstone of a \$400,000 lodge building.

During the holiday crush in New York City \$20,000 worth of automobiles were stolen from Broadway alone.

Lower express rates throughout the country will become effective February 2. By the terms of the recent Interstate Commerce commission order it is estimated that the average reduction in charges will be approximately 17 per cent.

With the filing of petitions from ten counties, aggregating 25,693 names, the proposed law providing for total prohibition in Carolina will go on the general election ballot in 1914. The total number of names now represented on the petition is 41,045.

Seventy-two witnesses were summoned for the trial at Macon, Ga., of John W. Nisbeth, a merchant of Beaver, Mo., charged with having caused the death last June of his young stenographer, Merle Orinkard, through the agency of a drug.

Three lumber companies, ousted from Missouri by the state supreme court December 24 and fined a total of \$110,000, for alleged violation of the anti-trust law, recently prepared to close their St. Louis offices and reopen in East St. Louis, Ill.

Adjutant General Hillis in charge of the pursuit of "Happy" Jack Hendrickson and members of his clan, in the mountains near Pineville, Ky., has ordered the militiamen and deputies to their homes. The search will be conducted by individuals.

Stories printed in the United States that Great Britain and Germany had concluded an understanding aimed to curb the financial and commercial activities of the United States in South America were characterized by the British foreign office as pure inventions.

Gene Montani, now serving a long term in Sing Sing as one of the ring-leaders in a \$25,000 taxicab robbery in New York in 1912, has laid charges before Assistant District Attorney Frederick Groehl that two New York police officials after his arrest offered to free him of the charge for \$5,000.

There were 7,509 national banks doing business in the United States December 31, according to the comptroller of the currency. The authorized capital of these banks was \$740,633,645. During the year 217 applications to organize national banks were received. Only two were rejected, and 171 so far have been approved.

The American embassy at London has presented to the British foreign office a statement for its information relative to the clause in the new American tariff act providing for an increase of customs duty on articles sent to the United States by foreign exporters who refuse to show their books. The statement suggests that the government may desire to institute legislation to meet this situation.

There is not an idle working man at the head of the Great Lakes is the statement of leading Duluth employment agencies. It was estimated that 500 men have been given employment in the lumber camps since Christmas day. Large numbers of men are being recruited and are given free fare to the camps. Wages are the best that they have been during the present season.

Warrants for the arrest of Miss Alice E. Malone and Sidney B. Harrison, former employees of a Washington branch of N. L. Carpenter & Company, New York stock brokers, have been issued. Miss Malone is charged with embezzlement of Philadelphia & Reading stocks valued at \$8,100, while Harrison is charged with embezzling 300 shares of the same stock estimated to be worth \$24,000.

### FOREIGN.

Eighteen weaving mills in the district about Blackburn, England, have been closed, owing to a slump in the cotton trade. It is understood that many other mills are about to cease.

The basement portion of the new, some Tower of London, wherein Sir Walter Raleigh, Guy Fawkes and other historic characters were confined, will be open to visitors next summer.

There is an enormous demand for nicotine for spraying grapevines and fruit trees in the Lyons district as well as elsewhere in France. Nicotine has been found particularly efficacious as an insecticide.

News of the escape of Dr. Deininger and Dr. Kempf, German government foresters, reported to have been killed by cannibals in the interior of Neu-Mecklenburg, in the Bismarck archipelago, was telegraphed to the government from German New Guinea.

Lord Northcliffe, acting on medical advice regarding his eyesight, is relinquishing some of his responsibilities and is going abroad until Easter, according to advices received from London.

Because the Peruvian congress failed to sanction the budget for 1914, which was submitted to it in August, the government issued a decree declaring that the old estimates would remain in force for the next twelve months.

# AUTHORITIES PLAYED

IMPOSED SENTENCES NOT AUTHORIZED BY COURTS.

## BORAH GIVES OUT STATEMENT

Senator Borah Makes Public "Statement of Fact" About West Virginia Strike.

Washington, D. C.—A severe arraignment of authorities who administered martial law in West Virginia, from September, 1912, to June, 1913, when the Cabin Creek and Paint Creek coal mine strike troubles were in progress, is contained in a subcommittee report made public by Senator Borah, a member of the senate committee that investigated the West Virginia disturbances.

The report was given out as the "statement of fact," prepared by Senator Borah as the member of the senate committee charged with preparing that section of the report bearing on court-martial trials and alleged violations of law by the military courts.

Senator Borah's statement holds that the military authorities, acting under the direction of the governor, superseded all constitutional courts in West Virginia, imposed sentences not authorized by standing laws, and took over all the duties of the civil courts of the district and that at the time such martial law was being enforced there was no evidence that the civil courts had been intimidated or that they would have failed to perform their duties faithfully.

### Facing Engineering Feat.

Cody, Wyo.—Government irrigation experts are wrestling with a tough problem at the big dam of the Shoshone project in the canyon above Cody, where the drainage gates some time ago sprung a leak. Efforts are being made to repair this leak without draining the huge lake. To drain the lake would mean that the hundreds of farms below the dam would be without water the coming season and great damage would result. The government engineers plan on lowering a wooden ball, eight feet in diameter, and filled with cement, down the face of the dam, figuring that the suction will draw the ball into the mouth of the outlet and thus stop the leak while repairs are being made. But before this can be done, a wire screen, which covers the end of the big outlet pipe, must be raised, but thus far the screen has resisted all efforts to remove it. And even after the screen is removed, and the huge ball takes its place and the repairs are made, the greatest difficulty of all will be to then remove the ball.

### Dr. S. Weir Mitchell Dies.

Philadelphia.—Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, noted author and physician, died at his home here. Death was due to influenza, the seriousness of which was accentuated by his advanced age. He was in his eighty-first year.

Stricken last Monday with what was thought to be a mild attack of grip, no apprehension for his recovery was felt until recently.

Dr. Mitchell's fame both as a physician and an author was international. His last book appeared a few months ago under the title of "Westways."

He was noted as a neurologist and his medical works were largely on the subject of nervous diseases. He was an advocate of the "rest cure" in the treatment of such diseases.

### Does Not Resemble Wilson.

Pass Christian, Miss.—H. B. Ward of La Fayette, Ind., who has been told that he is President Wilson's double, arrived here recently to make a practical test of the resemblance. After walking about the streets for several hours and dining at the Mexican Gulf hotel, where those attached to the presidential party are stopping, Ward decided that the resemblance was slight in the extreme.

### Falls or Jumps From Floor.

Chicago, Ill.—William J. Sweeney, a metal dealer of Denver, fell or jumped to his death in a crowded street from the fourth story of a hotel here tonight. He died on the way to a hospital.

### Severe Storms in Germany.

All Germany is in the grip of violent storms, accompanied in many places by heavy snowfall. Berlin itself is thickly covered with snow.

### Motor Car Company Bankrupt.

Oshkosh, Wis.—The Oshkosh Motor Car company filed a petition of bankruptcy with liabilities of \$31,000 and assets of about \$17,000. The president is the heaviest loser.

Finds Seventy Twenties Buried by Michigan City, Ind.—Twenty-dollar gold pieces amounting to \$1,400 were found by Mrs. William McCorkle of McCool, Ind. They had been buried under a tree across from his home eight years ago by her father, Nathaniel Marshall, a carpenter.

### Fugitive Husbands Indicated.

Washington, D. C.—Twenty fugitive husbands were indicted here by the federal grand jury and will be extradited and returned for trial. One was located in the Hawaiian Islands.

# NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

A reception at the governor's mansion is being planned by the state historical society for Sons of the American Revolution on Wednesday afternoon, January 21. The reception is to be held in connection with the annual meeting of the historical society.

Word of the selection of former State Land Commissioner H. M. Eaton as superintendent of schools at Emerson has been received by State Superintendent Delzell. Mr. Eaton is a school man of many years' training, particularly in normal work.

The juvenile court law enacted in 1905 is not opposed to sound public policy, is not unconstitutional, and does not establish a new court. This was the opinion of the state supreme court in the case brought by Wilbur P. Bryant of Hartington to invalidate the law.

Right of the chiropractors to practice in this state has again been assailed in the supreme court, this time on appeal from Thayer county, where Earle A. Harvey was found guilty in nine counts and a fine of \$450 was levied against him. The question has never been settled in this state.

Apportionment of \$36,671 for state aid to weak school districts is announced by State Superintendent Delzell. A total of 290 school districts are included. McPherson county, with twenty-three weak districts, drew highest money, \$4,035. Red Willow county, with one such district, drew only \$58.

At the session of the Nebraska State Bar association at Omaha last week the following officers were elected: President, H. H. Wilson, Lincoln; vice-presidents, Judge E. E. Good, Wahoo, W. M. Cain, Schuyler; secretary, A. G. Ellick, Omaha; treasurer, C. G. McDonald, Omaha; executive councilman, John J. Halligan, North Platte.

The board of educational lands and funds has decided to direct State Treasurer George to change his policy in regard to the use of educational funds. The board has decided that it is not good policy for the state to make money by not paying its debts. Therefore the state treasurer will use the first money available for the redemption of outstanding state warrants.

Adjutant General Hall has announced that Company E of Schuyler, Fourth regiment, won first honors in shooting for possession of the national defense trophy. The company will keep the trophy one year, when it will again be the subject of competition. The shooting is done at the home stations of companies. Company G of Hastings, Fifth regiment won second honors in the same competition.

The deficiency in the state recodifying commission will amount to about \$500, according to revised estimates made by the members. Vouchers covering the last days of employment of Commissioners E. L. King and A. M. Post were filed with the auditor. The other commissioner, J. H. Broady, and one or two assistants, have a week's labor to clean up and then the legal wheels will stop.

The annual report of H. C. Lindsay, clerk of the supreme court and state librarian, filed with Governor Morehead, shows that the state library contained 65,871 volumes December 1, 1912. During the past year Mr. Lindsay purchased 652 volumes and received 1,321 volumes by donation and exchange, making a total of 67,884 volumes on hand at the close of the year 1912. The Nebraska state library is admitted to be one of the best law libraries in the United States.

Officials of the anti-saloon league are not in pronounced sympathy with the state-wide prohibition movements started in various sections of Nebraska, and, according to talk from headquarters, consider them ill-advised at the present time. Efforts of the league are to be concentrated in the support of the two-mile limit measure, a bill making it illegal to sell liquor within two miles of any state educational institution. Time in laying that proposed measure before the people will be well taken up, according to the officials, and the wider movement taken up next year might tend to defeat one or both, in their opinion.

Counting infants that never breathed, there were 852 more deaths in Nebraska in the year 1913 than there were in the year 1912. Dr. W. H. Wilson, inspector for the state board of health, who is in charge of the collection of vital statistics, has completed his annual report. It shows a total of 11,254 deaths. The number reported the year before was 10,402. While the death rate was higher this year, the birth rate was lower. Last year a total of 26,687 births were reported. This year the number is 26,153.

George St. Clair, who refused to attend penitentiary chapel, and who was later denied relief when Warden Fenton kept him in his cell for disobedience of prison rules, now asks the board of control for a personal hearing in the matter. In stating his case he says that inasmuch as legal appeals sometimes suspend sentence, he believes an appeal to the control board from the warden's decision should suspend its operation. The novel turn to the affair does not meet a hearty response on the part of board members.

# THE MONTH'S DATES

WOMAN DEAD IN EYES OF THE LAW.

## GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Following are dates and places at which farmers' institutes are to be held during the month of January: Morse Bluff, Wednesday, January 7. Aurora, Wednesday and Thursday, January 7 and 8.

Spencer, Wednesday and Thursday, January 7 and 8.

Waverly, Thursday, January 8.

McCool Junction, Thursday and Friday, January 8 and 9.

Plainview, Thursday and Friday, January 8 and 9.

Spring Grove church (near Gretna), Friday, January 9.

Fairmont, Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10.

Creighton, Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10.

Pierce, Monday and Tuesday, January 12 and 13.

Madison, Monday and Tuesday, January 12 and 13.

Creighton, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13 and 14.

Osmond, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 13 and 14.

Howells, Wednesday and Thursday, January 14 and 15.

Laurel, Wednesday and Thursday, January 14 and 15.

Humphrey, Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16.

Papillion, Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16.

Hartington, Thursday and Friday, January 15 and 16.

Wakefield, Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17.

Elkhorn, Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17.

### Woman Declared Legally Dead.

In the eyes of the law of the state of Nebraska, Emma Booshe is a dead woman, though no certificate of death has ever been filed with the officers charged with keeping the mortality records. Judge Cornish of the district court signed a decree to the effect that "the legal presumption is that she is now dead." The decree of the court was granted upon the petition of Gerd H. Booshe, who was married to Emma many years ago. In his petition filed in district court a few weeks ago he alleged that Mrs. Booshe left him in 1904 with the avowed intention of going to her old home in Germany. Since that time he has never heard from her.

### Reward for Discovery of Oil.

Fifteen thousand dollars is the prize offered by the state of Nebraska to the first person who shall succeed in locating a steady flow of oil within the state, yielding fifty barrels per day for sixty consecutive days. The existence of this forgotten statute, passed by the legislature of 1903, was rediscovered in State Treasurer George's office following the receipt of a letter from New York asking whether Nebraska has such a law. The letter was sent from the New York office of a London corporation known as the Anglo-Mexican Petroleum Products Company. A short time previously Treasurer George received another query from the same source, but did not answer it. The persistence of the company in seeking to find out about the state reward is taken to mean that it has some kind of a "tip" as to where oil may be found in paying quantities in this state. If so, it has been able to keep the information secret, as no facts have been made public relating to any such discovery. A few test borings are known to have been made in different localities, but these, so far as is known in Lincoln, have all been abandoned.

National Commander Washington Gardner of the Grand Army of the Republic will be in Nebraska next May, according to word received by the state department. He has asked that the dates for the Nebraska encampment be set at the time of his visit. The affair will, therefore, be held May 13, 14 and 15. Grand Island will entertain the veterans at that time.

### Winter Short Course.

The school of agriculture announces that the winter short course will begin immediately following the holidays, January 6th. This is a course of six weeks' work, composed of practical lectures, and laboratory work on various agricultural subjects.

Omaha now has a full battalion of the Nebraska national guard, the fourth company, D, of the Fourth infantry, having been mustered in by Adjutant General Hall.

### Half of Envelopes Addressed.

The secretary of state's special force of assistants, employed to address 250,000 large envelopes in which printed matter relating to measures submitted under the initiative and referendum will be mailed next year to Nebraska voters, has finished practically one-half of the work. Envelopes for the voting inhabitants of Lincoln and Lancaster county, the cities of Omaha and South Omaha have all been addressed. The secretary of state has received lists of voters from all but twelve counties.

# BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

A commercial club has been organized at Cortland.

Josephine Humberger is the new postmistress at Plymouth.

Morse Bluff's first church is nearing completion and will soon be ready for use.

The various towns in the state baseball league are already making plans for next season.

For the first time in twenty years corn is being shipped to Tecumseh for feeding purposes.

Dick George, near Fairbury, nearly lost an arm in a circular saw, which he was operating, cutting stove wood.

Harry G. Platt, a Burlington switchman at Lincoln, suffered a crushed skull when he was caught between two cars in the yards here.

Plans for rebuilding the Grand Island Pythian hall, which was destroyed by fire Friday night, are already under consideration.

Peter Brehm's saloon at Lincoln was burglarized three times in as many months, and last week Peter was held up and relieved of \$3, all his spare cash.

There is an epidemic of diphtheria at Wymore and the city board of health Tuesday issued a proclamation prohibiting the holding of public gatherings.

Paul Good of Lincoln has been chosen by the Nebraska committee as next student from this state to enter Oxford university with Rhodes scholarship honors.

Sam Noble, a veteran Burlington engineer, dropped dead just as he seated himself to partake of his noon lunch at a restaurant at Lincoln. Apoplexy was the cause.

Joseph Cullen Root, prominent Omahan, financier, lawyer and founder and sovereign commander of the Woodmen of the World, is dead at Hendersonville, N. C.

While steam and smoke were still arising from the ruins of the Gaston Music company at Hastings, the firm had reopened in another location with a fresh stock of goods.

Mrs. A. E. Hatch, wife of a Northwestern brakeman at Norfolk, was slugged by some unknown man when she went to the depot to meet her husband Saturday night.

F. A. Sees, a Jeweler at Kearney, was found in a dying condition at the foot of the cellar stairs in his store. He died before recovering consciousness, a victim to apoplexy.

Tuesday before Christmas was the biggest day in the history of the Fremont postoffice. Nearly a third more packages and letters were handled by the force during the day.

Through the death of his uncle, Elias Olinghouse, a miner of Wahoo county, Nevada, Paul Olinghouse, thirteen years old, of Beatrice, has fallen heir to an estate valued at \$60,000.

Herbert W. Wright, who has been assistant secretary of the Beatrice Y. M. C. A. for the past eighteen months, has resigned to accept a position as secretary of the Seward association.

Abram E. Rodebaugh, business man of Bancroft, Neb., was run over by a Northwestern train at Parker, S. D., both his legs being cut off. He was not found until an hour and a half after the accident.

An overdose of headache tablets came near resulting fatally to Mrs. Will Buraup of Tecumseh, who was found unconscious by her daughter, who hastily summoned a physician. She is now thought out of danger.

Al Jackson, an Omaha policeman who was shot in the leg several years ago in a duel with Pat Crowe, the alleged kidnaper of young Cudahy, has just suffered amputation of the limb, blood poisoning having recently developed.

Roy Northrup of York has some fine specimens of topaz, dressed and mounted. They were found near Humboldt, and the rough stones sent to a lapidary at Denver, who pronounced them first-class, and made some excellent jewels of them.

Miss Frances Shorn of Fairbury is in a critical condition from blood poison, the result of puncturing the palm of her hand with a lead pencil some time ago.

Petitions for the appointment of a county demonstrator for Cuming county are in circulation and will be presented to the county board of supervisors.

John Sievers had most of the clothing torn from his body and escaped death in a miraculous manner when he caught his foot in the belting of a gasoline engine on his farm near Fremont.

Fire at the state house at Lincoln, caused by a lighted match igniting some gasoline in a cuspidor, gave the firemen a run and made considerable excitement one day last week.

Charles Mitchell, a husky tiller of the soil in Seline county, put two holdup men to flight when they attempted to rob him as he was en route to DeWitt on horseback.

Mrs. Russell Anderson of Malmo was burned to death by a fire originating in a gasoline explosion which destroyed her home. Her invalid husband, in the house at the time, was carried to safety.

Lawrence King, a well-to-do young man, committed suicide by hanging himself in a cattle barn on his father's farm near Edgar. Ill health is supposed to have been responsible.

J. C. Mitchell, driving an oil wagon at Hastings, was thrown from the seat and severely injured by the wheels passing over his head and shoulders.

The eleven-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hall was scalded to death at their home in Round Valley, when a plug came out of a washing machine, letting the contents, boiling hot, splash over her.